Seven 7's
1) 7 Spirits
2) 7 lamp stands
3) 7 stars
4) 7 seals
5) 7 trumpets
6) [7 thunders]
7) 7 bowls

REVELATION TIMELINE

Now write what you have seen, what is, and what is to take place after this. –Revelation 1:19 *NRSVue*

Distinctions
Day of the Lord = Armageddon parts 1 and 2
Day of Christ/Jesus (or "Lord" when referring to Jesus) = Rapture
Christ coming in/on the clouds = Rapture, and again later at the Great White Throne Judgement
As a lightening flash = Jesus' second coming

What You Have Seen
(Rev. 1:19)
Rev. 1

-The seven Spirits (1:4)
-The seven lamp stands (1:12)
-The seven stars (1:16)

A Rapture View
Possible Pre-Tribulation Rapture @ Rev. 1:7

Most **Preterists**, **Historicists** and **Futurists** agree on this portion of Revelation as these being things of what John has seen.

What Is
(Rev. 1:19)
Rev. 2-3

The 7 lamp stands are the **7 Churches**:
Ephesus – Nicolaitans
Smyrna – Synagogue of Satan
Pergamum – Where Satan's throne is
Thyatira – Jezebel
Sardis – Alive but dead
Philadelphia – Kept the Word
Laodicea – Lukewarm

Preterists view the 7 churches as first century churches in which these things took place. **Historicists** view these churches as representing church periods through history. Many **Futurists** see these churches as historical, but also as examples of different types of churches today.

What Is To Take Place (Rev. 1:19) Rev. 4-22

The 7 Years
Rev. 4-18

A Rapture View
Possible Pre-Tribulation Rapture @ Rev. 4:1

First 3.5 Years:
-7 Seals
-7 Trumpets
-[7 Thunders]

---- Middle Tribulation----

A Rapture View
Possible Mid-Tribulation Rapture or Pre-Wrath Rapture @ Rev.10:7 & 11:11-15

---- Pre-Wrath----

Second 3.5 Years:
-7 Bowls of Wrath
-Destruction of the Great City

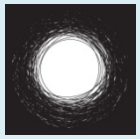
Armageddon and the Second Coming
Rev. 19

A Rapture View
Possible Post-Tribulation Rapture @ Rev. 20:4-6

-Battle of Armageddon
-Jesus and the saints arrive from heaven on white horses to the Battle of Armageddon
-The Beast and its armies are defeated

Preterists view that there is no rapture, and all these events took place in the first century; specifically the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70. **Full Preterists** believe the Second Coming already happened. **Historicists** view the above as lacking the rapture, and as symbolic of church history from John's writing to the second coming of Christ. **Futurists** see rapture before, during or after the tribulation, as they see as a future 7-year event.

The 1,000 Years
Rev. 20:1-6



-Satan is cast into the pit for 1,000 years
-Tribulation saints reign with Christ for 1,000 years

Preterists view these years as symbolic, referring to the time from Christ's ascension to the fall of Jerusalem in AD 70. Many **Historicists** view the 1,000 years as being symbolic of the Church age. **Futurists** see these as a literal 1,000 years in the future.

After the 1,000 Years to New Jerusalem and Eternity
Rev. 20:7-22

-Satan is released from the pit. He starts Gog and Magog battle
-God destroys them with fire, and the devil is cast into The Lake of Fire
-The Great White Throne Judgement ensues
-New heaven and new earth created
-New Jerusalem, the heavenly city, comes down from heaven onto earth

Preterists view New Jerusalem as symbolizing the restored Church after AD 70. **Historicists** view New Jerusalem as a symbol for the Bride of Christ in the realms of heaven and earth. **Futurists** view the above as literal, and things that will happen in the future.

Some Definitions for our Study in the Book of Revelation

Revelation – To reveal something

Apocalypse – Similar to the word revelation – to reveal a mystery

Apocalyptic Literature –Writings in the bible or elsewhere that are apocalyptic in style – written similar to the book of Revelation

Eschatology/Eschatological – The study of the end-times

Second Temple Period – Used in this study to mean the time between the Old and New Testaments – also known as the Intertestamental Period.

A Quick View of Revelation Chapters 4-22 – A Futurist View

	First Half of The Tribulation		Second Half of the Tribulation	Jesus' Second Coming	The 1,000 Years	Great White Throne Judgement	New Jerusalem
Possible pre-tribulation rapture at Revelation 4:1	The Seven Seals The Seven Trumpets	Possible mid-tribulation rapture at Revelation 10:7 and 11:15-18 or Possible pre-wrath rapture here	The Seven Bowls Great city destroyed Battle of Armageddon	Jesus and the saints arrive from heaven on white horses to the Battle of Armageddon Possible post-tribulation rapture at Revelation 20:4-6	Satan locked in the pit for 1,000 years	The Final War Heaven and earth destroyed and recreated anew Final Judgement Day	New Jerusalem comes from heaven onto earth Eternity begins…